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SUBJECT: GOG ORDERS FAVORABLE MEDIA TREATMENT OF BRAZIL

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 1795, (B) GEORGETOWN 1775

1. THE GOG-CONTROLLED MEDIA, WHICH BEGAN TREATING BRAZIL MORE FAVORABLY FOLLOWING THE VISIT THERE BY GUYANA'S FONMIN LAST JULY, IS CONTINUING THIS POLICY WITH UNUSUALLY ABUNDANT COVERAGE OF THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF THE NEW BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR, AND THE CELEBRATION OF BRAZIL'S NATIONAL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 7.
2. MOST OF THE COVERAGE CAME FROM THE GOVT-OWNED DAILY "CHRONICLE". FAVORABLE REPORTS AND COMMENTS WERE FREQUENTLY ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOS (INCLUDING ONE WHICH SHOWS BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR ASDRUBAL PINTO DE ULYSSEA RECEIVING A KISS FROM PM BURNHAM'S DAUGHTER).
3. COMMENT: ONE "CHRONICLE" REPORTER CONFIDED TO AN EMBOFF THAT THE NEWSPAPER WAS IN FACT ORDERED BY THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TO IMPROVE ITS COVERAGE OF BRAZILIAN ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE FONMIN'S VISIT.

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4. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE RECENTLY IMPROVED

ATTITUDE OF THE GOG TOWARD BOTH THE U.S. AND BRAZIL WITH THE
BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR. HE AGREES WITH THE VIEW (REF A) THAT
GUYANA'S INSECURITY REGARDING ITS BORDERS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN
REASONS FOR THE GOG'S INCREASINGLY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE CUBANS
(WHO THE AMBASSADOR ALSO DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE PRESENT HERE IN
ANY LARGE NUMBER). HE FEELS, THEREFORE, THAT THE U.S. AND BRAZIL
SHOULD TRY TO HELP RELIEVE THIS INSECURITY AND THUS THE TENDENCY
FOR GUYANA TO DEPEND ON THE CUBANS FOR SECURITY
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